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SUBJECT: STATE SECRETARY BEIL ELECTED TO GDR COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS

1. AMONG ITEMS OF BUSINESS ACTED UPON BY GDR VOLKS-
KAMMER ON DECEMBER 21 WAS ELECTION OF FOREIGN TRADE
STATE SECRETARY DR. GERHARD BEIL TO MEMBERSHIP IN
THE GDR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. ALSO ELEVATED TO COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS MEMBERSHIP ON THE SAME OCCASION WAS ALBERT
STIEF, STATE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE OF WORKER
AND PEASANT INSPECTION (KOMITEE DER ARBEITER-UND-
BAUERN INSPEKTION), A POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONTROL
BODY RESPONSIBLE TO THE SED CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND
THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. STIEF REPLACES HEINZ
MATTHES, MINISTER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF
WORKER AND PEASANT INSPECTION, WHO WAS RELIEVED OF HIS
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS POST "FOR HEALTH REASONS."

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2. THE BEIL APPOINTMENT, IN CONTRAST, REPRESENTS A
NET EXPANSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, PUTTING HIM
IN A SELECT COMPANY OF MAINLY HEADS OF MINISTERIAL
LEVEL AGENCIES. BEIL'S APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED
TO THE DCM BY MFA USA CHIEF GEYER AS ONE WHICH WILL
NOT CHANGE THE SCOPE OF BEIL'S RESPONSIBILITIES, BUT
WHICH WILL FACILITATE HIS MEETING WITH SENIOR

REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES. WE ACCEPT THAT EXPLANATION TO A DEGREE, BUT ALSO BELIEVE IT IS A REFLECTION OF THE CRUCIAL AND GROWING IMPORTANCE OF THE GDR'S TRADE WITH THE INDUSTRIALIZED WEST, BEIL'S MAIN AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE.

3. A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY PUBLISHED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VOLKSKAMMER ACTION SAYS BEIL BEGAN WORKING AT THE FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY IN 1958. HE SPENT SEVERAL YEARS IN THE GDR TRADE REPRESENTATION IN VIENNA, HE BECAME DEPUTY MINISTER IN 1965 AND STATE SECRETARY IN 1968, AND HAS BEEN A CANDIDATE MEMBER OF THE SED CENTRAL COMMITTEE SINCE 1976. BOLEN

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